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**From:** Hayes, Scott [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=D8C401E751114E29BC54748803C137A6-HAYES, SCOTT]  
**Sent:** 2/14/2021 2:06:41 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Daniel [oconnor.daniel@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: AltEn...Fwd: Response request

My bad. I should have gotten you a phone when you started the detail. I will check in that.

And btw- Ken said you said I didn't want anything in writing. That's not what I meant. I meant I wanted to talk to you BEFORE anything gets sent broadly. I apologize I wasn't clear about that.

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On Feb 13, 2021, at 7:59 PM, O'Connor, Daniel <oconnor.daniel@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry I was slow to respond to this. I don't have an EPA phone with email access so I'm only now seeing this. I assume you have the info you need based on our conversations. I'm trying to check email periodically but the kids were keeping me busy this afternoon. As always, if you need something urgent don't hesitate to call.

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**From:** Hayes, Scott <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2021 5:32 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Daniel <oconnor.daniel@epa.gov>; Buchholz, Ken <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: AltEn...Fwd: Response request

Let's get something soon please. We've had 11 hours of daylight.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hayes, Scott" <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov>  
**Date:** February 13, 2021 at 3:36:15 PM CST  
**To:** "Chu, Ed" <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Tapp, Joshua" <Tapp.Joshua@epa.gov>, "Juett, Lynn" <Juett.Lynn@epa.gov>, "Buchholz, Ken" <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>, "Curry, Tim" <Curry.Timothy@epa.gov>, "Ferguson, Doug" <Ferguson.Doug@epa.gov>, "O'Connor, Daniel" <oconnor.daniel@epa.gov>, "Cozad, David" <Cozad.David@epa.gov>, "Peterson, Mary" <Peterson.Mary@epa.gov>, "Humphrey, Leslie" <Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov>, "Weekley, Erin" <weekley.erin@epa.gov>, "Hayes, Scott" <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** AltEn...Fwd: Response request

Ed,

I just talked to Danny O'Connor, Section Chief with our removal program. Doug Ferguson, OSC, just got up to the scene recently and he's meeting with the senior responder from Nebraska, Kirk Morrow. Doug has contractor support with him. Kirk has been with the Nebraska program a long time. They're getting together on the results of sampling and what needs to be sampled, etc, and then they're trying to make contact with the facility. That's where we are right now. I'll let you know when they make contact with the facility and see if they can get any more commitment for responsive measures from the PRP in place.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hayes, Scott" <Hayes.Scott@epa.gov>  
**Date:** February 12, 2021 at 11:14:29 PM CST  
**To:** Jim Macy <jim.macy@nebraska.gov>  
**Cc:** "Cozad, David" <Cozad.David@epa.gov>, "steve.goans" <steve.goans@nebraska.gov>, kirk.morrow@nebraska.gov, "Buchholz, Ken" <Buchholz.Kenneth@epa.gov>, "Hoefer, David" <Hoefer.David@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Response request

Jim,

Yes. On-Scene Coordinator Doug Ferguson plans to mobilize in the morning.

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On Feb 12, 2021, at 9:42 PM, Macy, Jim  
<[jim.macy@nebraska.gov](mailto:jim.macy@nebraska.gov)> wrote:

Scott

We have an emergency at a ethanol plant near Mead Nebraska called Alt En. They have a shut down order from us and in process of shutting down they are freezing up and have about 4 million gallons of thin sillage and a liquefied imanure going off site. Would you have ability to assist?

Immediate concern is the ability of the plant to control leaks during this sub zero weather. Additionally the facility has several vessels that contain a pesticide used in seed corn production that we have found to bioaccumulate in the wet cake and process water. The lagoons are approximately Within 2 feet of topping

Late today the site experienced compounding emergencies with two additional undisclosed vessels that contain liquid manure and are also freezing and or have potential to rupture.

We need assistance to asses the site, make technical recommendations on contain/control and overall management. As of 1730 ndee has taken effluent samples approximately 1 mile downstream from site. This is already impacting University of Nebraska research fields.

Please keep this list informed of next steps.

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